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**APPLICATION NO.** 10/728,209  
**FILED:** DECEMBER 4, 2003  
**FOR:** CONCRETE-BASED FLOORS AND WALL COVERINGS WITH AN  
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**EXAMINER:** ANTHONY J. GREEN

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2. AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION (5 PAGES)

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In reply to the Office Action dated March 28, 2006, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

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